

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
September 8, 2015

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:01 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Roma Amundson, James Michael Bowers, Alan Doster, Karla Lester, Michelle Petersen, Jane Raybould, Craig Strong, Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark.

Members Absent: Jacquelyn Miller, Molly Burton (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Frederick, Steve Beal, Gwendy Meginnis, Scott Holmes, Charlotte Burke, Gwendy Meginnis, Keerun Kamble, Andrea Haberman, Tommy George, Brian Baker, Jesse Davy and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Alise Walz, Taylor Ronne

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Ms. Amundson. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Petersen that the August 11, 2015 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Introductions – UNMC College of Nursing Students - Alise Walz and Taylor Ronne, Tommy George - Assistant Epidemiologist, Jesse Davy – Quality Improvement Coordinator, and Keerun Kamble – Wellness Coordinator

Ms. Halstead stated the Department is working with Brandon Grimm from the UNMC College of Public Health on a Workforce Development Plan. A survey was completed by staff and the results were analyzed. 174 of 175 employees completed the survey. Dr. Grimm will present the survey results at the Department's All Staff Meeting on September 25, 2015. The survey results will be provided to the Board of Health in October. Areas of staff development will be prioritized over the next

three years.

Ms. Halstead is also working with the UNMC College of Public Health and Dr. Ali Khan to make public health course work available to those employees already working in the public health field. It is hoped some courses will be offered at the Health Department in the near future.

Staff continue to work on the Department's efforts to apply for accreditation to the Public Health Accreditation Board. The Department will submit a formal request in the spring or summer of 2016.

Mr. Frederick provided an update on West Nile Virus. Four cases have been confirmed in Lancaster County.

Mr. Frederick provided an update on the MAPP Meeting that was held on August 27th. Survey scores and results from the July meeting were shared. Another meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2015.

Ms. Halstead stated staff continue to follow public health legislation. Interim Studies will begin this fall prior to the 2016 Legislative Session.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)\

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Chlamydia Reinfection Rates in STI Clinic

Ms. Haberman provided an update on the STI Clinic Goals and Outcomes. Goal #1) To increase the number of STI Clinic visits by 10% every year for the next three years. She stated for 2014-2015 – 1st year – the goal exceeded expectations. Goal #2) The percentage of people who test positive for Chlamydia in the LLCHD STI Clinic and who have a subsequent positive Chlamydia infection within six months, will be no higher than the percentage in Lancaster County. She stated for 2014-2015 – 1st Year – the goal exceeded expectations. The Department's STI Clinic reinfection rate was 3.2%. Lancaster County reinfection rate – 10.9%. She stated all clients who visit the Department's STI Clinic and receive medication for Chlamydia, receive a phone call within 1-2 business days from a nurse to assess tolerance of medication treatment, abstinence from sexual contact since they were treated at the Department with medication and testing for sexual partners. Board members asked how we compare with others. She stated Chlamydia rates are high everywhere and Douglas County rates are in the epidemic category. Mr. Bowers asked whether we share our information with others. She replied yes. Ms. Raybould asked whether the message is being reinforced with parents and pediatricians. She responded the information is reinforced with the medical community and parents.

B. City & County Employee Wellness Program Update

Mr. Kamble provided an update on the Health Department, City and County's wellness activities. She stated 85% of Health Department employees completed the

Health Risk Appraisal. Results were shared with the internal Wellness Committee and will be shared with Staff at the September All-Staff meeting. She also provided an update on City and County Employee Wellness activities. She stated Wellness Committees have been formed for the City and County and the Health Risk Appraisal will be conducted for all City and County Employees. She will meet with each Department Director and wellness representative to review the Health Risk Appraisal results and tailor a department-specific wellness plan. She reviewed the results of the 2014 Health Risk Appraisal for City and County Wellness activities.

C. Safe Kids Lincoln Lancaster County Update

Mr. Baker reviewed the highlights of the Safe Kids Lincoln Lancaster County Program. Safe Kids Lincoln Lancaster County is comprised of six task forces. He also reviewed three Injury Prevention Indicators and Outcomes. They included 1) reducing the rate of bike/pedestrian/vehicle injuries among children 0-14 years to 750 or less per 100,000 population. The 2014 rate was 704.9. 2) A minimum of 50% of landlords attending the Fire Safe Landlord training will implement fire prevention measures in their multi-unit facilities. Preliminary survey results are being compiled by Schmeekle Research. 3) A minimum of 90% of surveyed car seat check participants will indicate they feel very capable of installing and using a child's car seat correctly. A survey was conducted in May and of 39 respondents, 38 felt very capable of installing their car seat and they felt the education was very helpful.

Mr. Baker stated the Safe Kids Celebration will be held on October 14, 2015 at 11:30 AM at the Health Department. Board of Health members are invited and encouraged to attend the celebration. Invitations will be mailed in the near future.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – October 13, 2015 – 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President